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Subpart A—Introduction**§ 626.1 Purpose.**

(a) This regulation prescribes Department of the Army (DA) safety policy, responsibilities, and procedures for biological defense research, development, test, and evaluation (RDTE) operations.

(b) DA Pam 385-69 prescribes the minimum safety criteria and technical requirements for the Army biological defense safety program and will be used in conjunction with this regulation to establish and implement the biological defense safety program.

§ 626.2 References.

Required and related publications are listed in appendix A of this part.

§ 626.3 Explanation of abbreviations and terms.

Abbreviations and special terms used in this regulation are explained in the appendix B of this part.

§ 626.4 Responsibilities.

(a) The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Logistics, and Environment) (ASA(IL&E)) establishes overall Army occupational safety and health policy and maintains oversight of the following—

(1) All aspects of environment, safety, and occupational health statutory compliance.

(2) Safe biological defense RDTE operations.

(b) The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development, and Acquisition) (ASA(RDA)). Establishes overall Army RDA policy and will—

(1) Integrate, coordinate, and manage Army efforts to increase effectiveness of biological defense technologies, materiel research, and the development and acquisition program.

(2) Review and validate all future biological defense RDTE facility construction or renovation requirements before any organization initiates these construction or renovation programs.

(c) The Director of Army Safety (DASAF), Office of the Chief of Staff, Army (OCSA), administers and directs the Army Safety Program as specified in AR 385-10. The DASAF will—

(1) Manage Army-wide safety policy and guidance for biological defense RDTE programs as a part of the Army Safety Program.

(2) Approve all actions that imply or establish a DA safety position for biological defense RDTE covered by this part.

(3) Represent DA on all biological defense RDTE safety studies and reviews.

(4) Develop safety policy and standards for biological defense RDTE operations.

(5) Develop Army level safety program guidance.

(6) Conduct an annual management review of the biological defense occupational safety and health programs of commands with Biological Defense Program (BDP) operations and responsibilities, to ensure consistency with DA policy.